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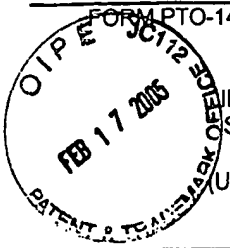
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VB		International Search Report for Counterpart Canadian Application No. 2,194,671 (1 page).
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	Claims for S/N 09/824,910, filed 3 April 2001 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC1)
	Claims for S/N 10/060,854, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC2)
	Serial No. 10/093,572, filed 8 March 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1003US)
	Serial No. 10/132,562, filed 25 April 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1005US)
	Serial No. 10/194,355, filed July 12, 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1007US)
	Serial No. 10/194,734, filed July 12, 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1008US)
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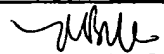
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		Allison, et al., article entitled: Therapeutic Embolization, <u>British Journal of Hospital Medicine</u> , December 1978
		Palestrant, et al. article entitled: Comparative <i>In Vitro</i> Evaluation of the Nitinol Inferior Vena Cava Filter, pp. 351-355
VB		Duerig, et al., Superelastic Nitinol for Medical Devices, <u>Medical Plastics and Biomaterials</u> , March/April 1997, pp. 30-43

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